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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL European Application 0 573 879

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AL was cited in an Office Action from the German Patent Office dated September 14, 2004, rendered in connection with the counterpart German application.

A copy of Reference AL together with Form 1449 is submitted herewith.

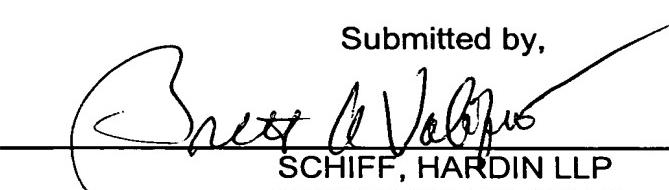
An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language abstract is attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

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All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of Reference AL, taken alone or in combination with any of the other references of record. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

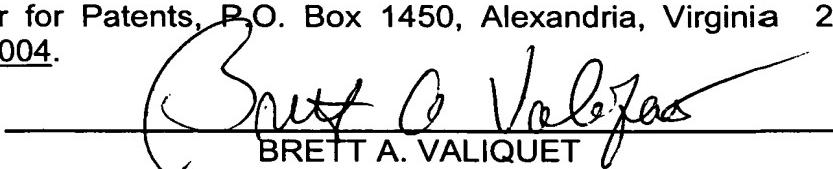
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